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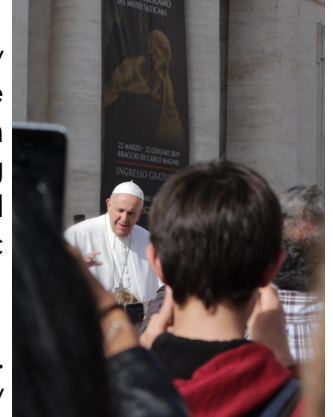
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TRIP TO ROME

During half term, a group of Year 9 and Year 8 pupils were lucky enough to go to Rome. We visited the Vatican as well as the Sistine Chapel, which is famous for Michelangelo's painting of the Creation of Adam and is decorated in the most beautiful art. The most exciting highlight was having an audience with the Pope as we joined thousands of people in St. Peter's Square and St. Bede's Catholic College was mentioned!



We also visited the Colosseum. Its towering structure was amazing. We enjoyed learning about the battles and gladiator fights and how it was partly destroyed due to earthquakes. It was an awe-inspiring sight that opened our eyes to how different the world used to be.

The trip was incredibly fun and interesting and an experience we will never forget.

Written by **Enya Clifford and Olivia Delahunt**



CATHERINE HUGHES OBE

Congratulations to Catherine Hughes, former Principal at St. Bede's Catholic College, who has been awarded an OBE in The Queen's Birthday Honours, recognising her Service to Education.

Ms Hughes, who was Principal at St. Bede's for 22 years and Bristol's longest serving headteacher, retired in 2017. Educated at a convent school in Ireland, Ms Hughes had a career in teaching spanning over 40 years. In 2011 she became the first Bristol National Leader in Secondary Education. She also mentored over twenty headteachers, was a trainer for the National College for Teaching and Leadership and was instrumental in the training at St. Bede's of more than 650 teachers from 75 schools around the region.

She said: "I am delighted with the award and feel very privileged to have been rewarded for doing a job I loved. It was an absolute joy to have worked over the years with so many wonderful staff, teachers, young people and their families. I have great memories of my time at St. Bede's, what a great school!"

We know that the St. Bede's community will share in our delight at hearing this news. A wonderful accolade and so well deserved after years of inspirational leadership, dedication and kindness.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17th June 2019

Year 10 Exams begin

27th June 2019

Areté Sixth Form
Taster Day

28th June 2019

Year 11
Leavers' Assembly

28th June 2019

Year 11 Prom

3rd July 2019

Year 6 Transition Day

3rd July 2019

6.30pm
Parents' Evening for
those joining us in
Year 7 in September

REFLECTION—20th June - Memorial of St Alban

After hiding a priest in his house, St Alban converted to Christianity and eventually became the first martyr of England. He refused to give up the priest in hiding and instead swapped clothes, giving himself up instead. The judge commanded that Alban should be beheaded and on the way to the place of execution, the soldier who was to kill him was converted too, becoming a martyr also.

Prayer: Lord, we pray that we may follow the example of St Alban, who looked kindly upon those who were fleeing persecution and seeking refuge. We pray that we may follow in his footsteps and we ask that you protect all refugees and keep them safe from harm. Amen.

Reflection: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

FESTIVAL OF SPORT

On Tuesday 10th June, 71 pupils participated in the Festival of Sport organised by Bristol University. The pupils experienced a range of activities such as; korfball, cheerleading, volleyball and American football. An excellent day, enjoyed by all.



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DANCE SUCCESS AT NORTH SOMERSET FESTIVAL OF DANCE

On Friday 31st May, Key Stage 3 Dance Club and Dance Company represented St. Bede's at the **North Somerset Festival of Dance**. Both groups performed brilliantly. Congratulations to Dance Company, who received a 3rd place medal with their dance 'All I Want'.



AIR CADET AWARD

In the last edition of our newsletter we shared that year 10 pupil **Mizi Hanyana** had received the Air Cadet Silver British Crest Award.

We were delighted to hear this week that Mizi was also the recipient of the **Most Dedicated Cadet** award at a special dinner event last weekend.

Well done.

Thank you Mizi for allowing us to print your photograph



YEAR 7 SCIENCE CLUB

In Year 7, Science Club pupils complete weekly challenges; collect 20 stars and earn St. Bede's Science badges. This week we were fortunate to have a session on forensic anthropology with Mrs Walmsley, Senior Science Technician at St. Bede's. Pupils made diagnostic measurements of bones to work out the age, sex and general health of a human skeleton.



EDINBURGH MARATHON

Congratulations to Mrs Matthews who ran the Edinburgh marathon on 26th May to raise money for a local Bristol charity 'The Rainbow Centre for Children.' Mrs Matthews only started running last year so this is a tremendous achievement. You can read more of her story here:

<https://localgiving.org/fundraising/amy-louise-run-for-rainbow/>

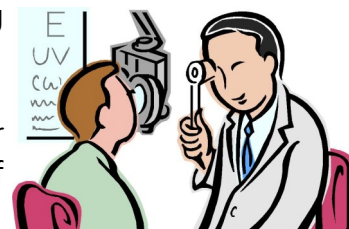


EYE HEALTH

As we focus on our well-being, it is important that eye health is not overlooked.

A small number of our pupils suffer from eye strain and headaches which can often be brought on by glare from screens, blinking less often and long hours at a screen/mobile phone requiring fine focus.

Free NHS sight tests are available at opticians for children under 16 and for young people under 19 in full-time education and if glasses are needed, they are also free.



ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2019-2020

Term 1:	Monday 2nd September to Friday 25th October
Term 2:	Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December
Term 3:	Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February
Term 4:	Monday 24th February to Friday 3rd April
Term 5:	Monday 20th April to Friday 22nd May
Term 6:	Monday 1st June to Monday 20th July

INSET DAYS

Monday 2nd September 2019
Tuesday 3rd September 2019
Monday 4th November 2019
Friday 3rd April 2020
Monday 20th July 2020

*Note the first day of the new academic years for all pupils is Wednesday 4th September 2109

SCIENCE REVISION GUIDES

If any Year 11 pupils have any Science revision guides at home, there will be amnesty boxes placed in the Reception and the Science Prep Room on Monday, 17th June after their physics exam. Please do return them.



SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

LOTTY is a new service provided by Learning Partnership West. LPW have contacted the college to request that we share this service with our young people and families. Young people can speak to any member of college staff during school hours who will signpost them to either St. Bede's pastoral services or external providers such as LOTTOMY.

LOTTY

LPW'S ONLINE TEXT TEAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

AGED 11 TO 25?

**IF YOU NEED TO
TALK TO SOMEONE,
WE'RE HERE.**

TEXT 07375 669869



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE SUPPORT GET
IN TOUCH WITH US BY VISITING
WWW.LPW.ORG.UK/CONTACT**



**Opening Hours:
Mon, wed, Fri 5-10pm
Tues, Thurs 5-7pm**